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C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 4919

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATION PROTECTION TEAM

REFS: (A. OSLO 4839, (B) STATE 223038, (C) OSLO 4238

1. NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO EMBASSY ABOUT DELAY IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM FOR THEIR PROJECTED VISIT TO US TO DISCUSS PROTECTION OF OFFSHORE OIL FACILITIES. GROUP HOPES TO LEAVE IN TWO WEEKS. GROUP LEADERS ARE CONCERNED (A) THAT DELAY IN PLANNING US PORTION OF VISIT, WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT, WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TIME TO SCHEDULE TRAVE CANDAIAN PORTION OF TRIP, BUT (B) MOSTIMPORTANTLY, THEY WONDER IF HOLD UP IMPLIES DISINTEREST ON US PART.

2. WE HAVE SYMPATHIZED WITH FIRST PROBLEM AND DISCOURAGED ANY THOUGHT OF THE SECOND. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFTEL C NORWEGIANS PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON OFFSHORE RIG PROTECTION, AND VISITING
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GROUP WILL MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DIRECTION GOVERNMENT

WILL FOLLOW IN SETTING POLICY AND ACQUIRING FACILITIES FOR OFFSHORE
PORTECTION. GROUP IS PUTTING CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON US INPUT
TO ITS WORK. THEY HOPE TO HAVE FULL RANGE OF DISCUSSIONS IN
US WITH GOOD AMOUNT OF TRAVEL TO FACILITIES OUTSIDE WASHINGTON.
FOR EXAMPLE , THEY ARE HOPING AMONG OTHER THINGS TO HAVE
CHANCE VISIT US NAVY R AND D LABORATORY IN PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
REF A.

3. EMBASSY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY REPLY ON VISIT PROGRAM.
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